

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Atlantic Crossing

SIR Anthony Eden has left England for his all-important conference with President Eisenhower. For a meeting that is to cover so much ground and for talks that will be centred on Western political strategy to combat international communism, the Prime Minister's unhurried arrangements and his almost leisurely departure on an ocean liner were remarkably barren of dramatic effect or, indeed, any of the ingredients that present day politicians employ to stimulate public interest.

Since the meeting was arranged, however, both participants have had time to prepare submissions and formulate views, and according to all reports the preparation has been thorough and far-reaching. The meeting by its agreements will help forge a stronger alliance. This is important to the whole Western world. But if agreement is not possible on every subject, at least the tolerance and understanding implicit in the Anglo-American alliance promises that there will be no breach or discord to mar the proceedings.

HONGKONG is most interested in the British submissions on the China trade embargo which newspaper reports say, the Prime Minister feels should be modified to the extent of the embargo on trade with Russia and Western Communist countries. Allied with this question is that of Sino-American relations and a United Nations seat for China. Britain and this Colony would like to see a solution to these problems soon. But in an election year and with the President uncertain of his political future, it is not likely that the Americans will allow any change at this stage.

Nor, as long as the President remains undecided, can there be any American commitments about the future other than very tentative and conditional ones. But it would be unwise of Britain, despite the fairness of its plea for wider trade and improved Sino-Western relations, to arouse unnecessary antagonism in America which could be exploited by extremists. The better policy would be to safeguard the alliance on which Western survival depends.

THE Middle East will be a major point of discussion, particularly the Israel-Egypt dispute and the attempts by the UN Secretary General to ease tension on the borders. The political situation in Jordan, its and America's attitude to the Baghdad pact and the Egypt-Saudi-Syria £100 million aid offer to Jordan are some others.

One may also cite the Czech arms deals with Egypt and Syria, Soviet "Trojan Horse" aid offers to the Middle East and Asia and Israel's request for American arms. Probably all these points were discussed recently by Mr Evelyn Shuckburgh and his American counterpart, Mr Herbert Hoover, but Anglo-American views apparently did not coincide on all.

THERE are other subjects like disarmament, Hydrogen bomb tests, German reunification and the recent Soviet goodwill tour of Asia to be reviewed. But the point of prime importance is, as we said at the outset, how the West is going to combat the new Soviet offensive of subversion and infiltration which Mr Anthony Nutting spoke of yesterday. This should be the first question dealt with, for undoubtedly it touches on almost every topic that will be discussed. The success of the talks will largely be judged on whether the British and American leaders agree on this point and formulate a daring new policy to combat it.

FRENCH GOVT CRISIS

Communists' Growing Influence

REBELS RAID AND LOOT VILLAGE

Salgon, Jan. 25.
About 3,800 villagers of Hodon, 60 miles north-west of Saigon, abandoned their homes two days ago following a raid by about 100 rebel troops on Sunday, it was authoritatively learned here today.

The rebels, who got away with about one million piastres (about £10,000 sterling) worth of loot, stayed two hours in the village and threatened to return at a later date.

Pro-government Cao Dai troops, twelve miles away, arrived too late to intercept the rebels who call themselves Cao Lien Hoa Binh. From the first syllables of the Cao Dai-Lien Minh-Hoa Hao and Binh Xuyen rebel private armies.—Reuter.

ANGRY DEBATE IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Washington, Jan. 25.
The House staged an angry, partisan debate today over the administration's military policy and the "brink of war" statement by the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles.

Democrats generally criticised Mr Dulles. They also defended General Matthew Ridgway, former Army Chief of Staff, for his criticism of administration reliance on atomic power. One suggested removing the Joint Chiefs of Staff from civilian control.

Republicans defended Mr Dulles, criticised General Ridgway and accused the Democrats of trying to undermine the bipartisan foreign policy. Representative Alvin Bentley touched off the debate by asserting that Mr Dulles "had sense enough to recognise the brink when he saw it." He then asked whether the Democrats "had sense enough to recognise the brink in 1950" before Korea.

"From the record," he said, "it would appear they did not." Representative Byron Rogers rose to ask Mr Bentley if he were familiar with Mr Dulles' statement in 1939 that there would be no war.

OVER THE BRINK
Representative Clarence Brown replied that Mr Dulles was speaking on the basis of information provided by the State Department. Representative Charles Halleck charged in that World War II was "one time as far to the brink and got over the brink."

"In my opinion, all the Secretary did was to put potential enemies on notice: we are not going to be pushed around," said Mr Halleck.

Mr. House Democratic leader, Mr John McClellan, joined the vocal fray when Rep. Hugh Scott explained that Congress was not kept informed in advance about the 1950 Korean crisis.

Mr McClellan said Mr Scott was not "historically correct." He said leaders of both Parties discussed the crisis at a White House meeting.

The Ridgway debate flared when Rep. J. Arthur Younger accused the retired general of trying to "tear down civilian control of the military" by his recent charge that the administration put politics ahead of defence needs.

Mr Younger said General Ridgway "is entitled to differ with the Commander-in-Chief" if he thinks he knows more.

WHAT BULGANIN WROTE

Washington, Jan. 25.
President Eisenhower received a "friendly letter" from Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin on Wednesday. Informal sources said it included a new Russian appeal for a revival of the "Geneva spirit" of friendship.

These sources said the letter, delivered to Mr Eisenhower personally by the Soviet Ambassador, Mr Georgi Zarubin, stressed the need for continued East-West talks to ease world tensions.

They said the message called particularly for renewed negotiations on such matters as German unification, European security, disarmament and increased East-West contacts—the issues that stalled the recent Big Four Foreign Ministers' conference in Geneva. The White House nor the Russians would make the

REDS WIN TWO OFFICES

Paris, Jan. 25.
Fears among Conservatives that the future government of France would slip bit by bit under Communist control were increased today when the National Assembly appointed Communists to two out of the six vice-presidencies.

At the same time, the Assembly had its first clash with the Poujadists when it omitted to allow any Poujadists to be nominated to the nine leading administrative posts. These include the six vice-presidential posts.

France's 22nd post-war cabinet crisis will probably come to a first climax tomorrow when the President of the Republic is expected to ask the Socialist leader M. Guy Mollet to form a government. Today he was still busy consulting leaders of the parliamentary groups in accordance with custom.

M. Mollet was reportedly pressing his election partner M. Pierre Mendes-France, leader of the Radical Party, to take over the finance and economic ministries in order to launch the new deal policy he had so long advocated.

M. Mendes-France, it was reported, was not keen and preferred to take over the ministry of foreign affairs in order to deal with the situation in Algeria.

He considered that inside a predominantly Socialist government, his economic policies would be exposed to danger from over rapid salary concessions.

In case of the death of the President of the Assembly (or Speaker) the first vice-president takes his place until the Assembly has elected another Speaker.

The Communists' first vice-president elected today is

M. Roger Garaudy, a member of the Moscow Academy. The officers of the Assembly, beside the Speaker, consist of six vice-presidents, three questors and 14 secretaries. The latter posts are supposed to be allocated in proportion to the strength of the parties in the Assembly, but the rule does not say whether it applies to the 23 officers as a whole or to the three categories of officers separately.

A PROTEST
For the first time a Poujadist, 27-year-old M. Jean le Pen addressed the Assembly, saying that parliament had violated the spirit and the letter of the rule. "This Assembly," he said, "seems determined not to bow to the expressed will of the people."

He pointed out that the Poujadists with 52 members had more of the vice-presidents or questors posts than the near Radicals with 18 members and the Social Republicans with 21 members each had one.

His protest was overruled by a vote of 321 against 203. Communists, Socialists and Radicals joining in voting against the Poujadists, but some 100 centre deputies lined up with the Radicals.

THE PAY-OFF
Lobby reports said the election of two Communists as vice-presidents of the Assembly was part of the price paid by the Socialists for Communist support in getting their party into M. Andre le Troquer elected to the Speaker's chair yesterday.

Whatever the final outcome of the attempt to form a Socialist-Radical Cabinet, centre right politicians of all shades were today displaying gloom about yesterday's election of M. le Troquer.

Centre and rightwing politicians and newspapers expressed the fear that before long a Socialist-Radical Cabinet would be formed, despite its numerous declarations to the contrary, to accept Communist support permanently, and that this could only be done at the price of letting the Communists share the exercise of power which has not happened since May 1947.

The Communist Party showed yesterday that it is determined to exploit every occasion to convert a moderate left Cabinet into a real popular front government.

PROPOSED LAWS
The party gave another example today by already tabling for discussion laws for: 1—Making peace in Algeria. 2—Getting rid of state aid for religious schools. (Contd. on back page, Col. 5).

MEANWHILE efforts are continuing behind the scenes to follow up a move for bilingual states started by the dramatic proposal on Monday that West Bengal and Bihar should merge. India now has 29 states. The number proposed by the states reorganisation commission was 16.

The latest move is to cut down the number to eight or even five—northern, southern, eastern, western and central—so as to do away with provincial rivalries.—Reuter.

NEW SPEAKER
Delfaz, Jan. 25.
Mr W. F. McCoy, a Unionist member of Parliament for South Tyrone, was today elected Speaker of the Northern Ireland House of Commons.

His successor, Sir Norman Stronge, who resigned after the Ministry of Finance had informed him that he and two other members of the House might be disqualified from sitting through holding an office of profit.—China Mail Special.

What Eisenhower & Eden Are Expected To Agree On

Washington, Jan. 25.
President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden are expected to indicate in the final communiqué on their meetings to be issued probably on Feb. 2, the following information:

1. The desire of Britain and the United States to reach an agreement with Soviet Russia on H-bomb tests;
2. A reassertion of Anglo-American support for Chancellor Dr Konrad Adenauer regarding the latter's German unification policies;
3. Britain and the United States still attach importance to the Baghdad Pact; and

4. Britain and the United States hope for an Egyptian-Israeli settlement along the lines of the former Trieste settlement between Italy and Yugoslavia.

A fifth point in the communiqué could deal with the Far East, along the lines that the time is not yet ripe for Communist China's admission to the United Nations, but this would probably depend on the United States agreeing to at least some British proposals for the relaxation of East-West trade.

Officials said it is hoped by tomorrow to know what are the times convenient for Mr Eisenhower to receive Sir Anthony. It is known the President will entertain the Prime Minister at lunch during the early part of next week.

However, it is not completely certain whether Sir Anthony Eden following his arrival on Monday morning, will go in the afternoon to the White House or the State Department for the opening talks on the Anglo-American review of world problems.—United Press.

BRITISH LABOUR PARTY TO REORGANISE

London, Jan. 25.
The opposition Labour Party today announced a £50,000 a year plan for national reorganisation in an effort to rebuild its strength after defeat in last May's general election.

The plan now goes before the Labour Party's delegate conference in October for approval.

The National Executive—governing committee—of the Party at a meeting agreed to recommend that affiliation fees paid by each of its 5,000,000 trade union members and 1,400,000 local labour party adherents should be increased from sixpence to ninepence a year.

It approved a scheme for the employment of 30 additional full-time party agents, the continued employment of similar agents by 70 constituencies where contests are usually very close, and the appointment of 10 organising assistants. About £10,000 of the money will be allocated for particular tasks in selected areas.

PARTY WORKERS
The plan will involve the employment of canvassers, transfer of voluntary workers from "safe seat" areas to vulnerable constituencies, and the provision of propaganda material.

The proposal to increase affiliation fees may stimulate the demand of the strongly leftwing local labour parties—many of them champions of Mr Aneurin Bevan—for more voting power at the delegate conferences. The present arrangement is each trade union or local party rates one vote for every thousand members it represents.

It has long been the political wings' complaint that conference decisions are "steam-rollered" by the great block votes of the trade unions. The political wing claims that as the machine which fights elections, it should have greater voting power—particularly if it is to be asked to pay more money.

The proposed increase in affiliation fees will bring in an extra £75,000 yearly.

ACCENT ON YOUTH
The Labour movement has watched with some anxiety the big post-war growth of the young Conservatives movement, and some time ago made it clear it was dissatisfied with the comparable Labour body, the League of Youth.

This is to be disbanded in its present form, and its members will become youth sections of their parent local Labour parties. These parties will be encouraged to take a greater interest in youth matters' and to appoint adult members as youth organisers.

A campaign will be launched in the autumn to recruit more young people into the Party. It will be preceded by a series of regional conferences on the question.—Reuter.

SECURITY PROBE

Premier Briefed On Findings

London, Jan. 25.

The main findings of the seven Privy Counsellors who have probed the government's security set-up following the Burgess and Maclean scandal were given to Sir Anthony Eden shortly before he sailed for America.

Sir Anthony asked Lord Kilmuir, the Lord Chancellor, who headed the probe, to brief him for his discussions with President Eisenhower on the interchange of atom information and other defence secrets.

Security weaknesses revealed by the spy case have done great damage to Anglo-American co-operation on defence. The Privy Counsellors are understood to be generally satisfied with security arrangements and to have recommended no changes involving legislation. They are resolutely opposed to any strengthening of the powers of the security services to interfere with the individual liberty of government officials.

They believe the machinery for screening officials with access to secrets is probably as efficient as it can be in any democracy, but they criticised certain departments for failing to use it properly.

It was expected that the report of the probe would take four months, but it has been rushed through in two, and a full report should be ready for Sir Anthony Eden on his return from Washington.—London Express Service.

Tunis, Jan. 25.

French security forces killed nine rebels and took 10 prisoners in a clash yesterday in the Gafsa region of Tunisia, according to first reports here.

Two soldiers were wounded. A large quantity of arms and ammunition was also seized.—France-Press.

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Dangerous Communist Threat

Eagle Flies Again

In Japan ABANDONMENT OF VIOLENCE WINS MEMBERS

Tokyo, Jan. 25.

The Communist Party has become "very dangerous" in Japan during the past six months because its campaign of co-operation instead of terror has won new Red supporters, a Justice Ministry official revealed today.

Tatsujiro Ashida, Chief of the Second Section of the Public Security Agency, Justice Ministry, warned that the Communist Party has grown stronger since abandoning its policy of violence at the sixth national council on July 28, 1955.

Ashida, who has investigated Communist activities since 1928, said the Red party has been "successful" in winning more and more support from the intellectuals and in consolidating its own strength.

100,000 Members

Ashida told United Press in an exclusive interview that the government was more concerned by the rise of the Communist Party into the ranks of the intellectuals than the number of party members.

He estimated that only about 100,000 Japanese are now in the party's ranks, but that there are 300,000 sympathizers.

He emphasized that the Red party was gaining in influence among the members of card-carrying party members.

He said only about 6,000 Japanese, of her new members or former Communists, had joined the party since the thorough policy changes last summer.

He said that the gains of the Communist Party coupled with no laws to keep it in check had made communism "very dangerous" in Japan.

Ashida said the Communist Party because it now was operating in legal channels was unhampered by government laws.

Full Support

However, press reports stated that Justice Minister Ryozen Makino would propose to the Cabinet on Friday stronger anti-Communist measures. Makino indicated that he would not ask that the Communist Party be outlawed at this time.

Ashida said the Japanese Red party was stressing the expansion of their ranks and influence and the establishment of a diplomatic relations for Japan with China and the Soviet Union.

He said the Communists and fellow travelers, who write in a wide number of publications and lecture at universities, have given their full support to the early establishment of diplomatic relations with the Communist nations.

"The closeness of China, North Korea and the Soviet Union also exerts a pull on the Japanese," he said.

Switch Tactics

The Public Security Agency official said the Communist Party had lost the sympathy of many Japanese after 1950 because of its "extreme violence."

He said the Red party was now trying to woo back those who deserted the party and those who sympathized with a policy of co-operation with democratic organizations.

With their switch in tactics, the Communists began co-operating with labour unions and farmer organizations, he said, and warned "The Red party have made some headway."

Ashida said that the union leaders were "frightened away from working with the Communist Party in the past when the line dictated violent methods."

He said the Communists last summer did a U-turn about their policy on land reform, which was carried out by Gen. Douglas MacArthur during the Allied occupation.

The Reds had opposed land reform, a "mistaken policy that cost them the support of the farmers," he said.

Communists are now supporting the land reform against any attempts to change it.

The Communist Party also has supported anti-American feeling in Japan particularly by supporting drives that halt the extension of US air bases.

They have consistently demanded that Japan become "completely independent" from US control.

To win Japanese public support, the Communists have backed, and in some cases initiated, campaigns against the use of nuclear weapons and Japanese rearmament.

Communism has threatened Japan twice in its history—in the late 1920s before the militarists clamped down on the Reds, and shortly before the outbreak of the Korean war.

Correct Mistakes

"Each time the Japanese people have reacted strongly against the Communist Party for pushing too far and too fast."

The Communists are now attempting to correct past mistakes and, as a result, new supporters are flocking to the party, Ashida said, creating a "party favored by the people."—United Press.



Training of the new German Air Force began at Futen-11 base, recently at the NATO Airport. Picture shows Colonel Vincent of the US Air Force (rear) and Colonel Werner Paulitzki, highest-ranking officer of the German Air Force. They are at the airport prior to taking off on a flight.—Express Photo.

Bag Snatchers Use Scooters

Rome, Jan. 25.

Rome police are fighting a new menace for pedestrians—gangs of bag snatchers who roam about on motor-scooters, grab women's bags and make off on their fast little machines.

The gangs have been operating in broad daylight in the busy centre of Rome. The chaotic traffic in the capital is their best defence against capture.—China Mail Special.

Britain Turns One Financial Corner

London, Jan. 26.

The chairman of one of Britain's "big five" banks said today that the country had turned one financial "nasty corner" but disinflationary measures had not yet brought a diversion of effort to the export field.

Sir Oliver Frank, chairman of Lloyds Bank said in his annual statement: "The heavy gold losses of the third quarter of 1955 have tapered off sharply, but we have not reached a point when we can be sure of steady progress and secure from all anxiety about the balance of payments."

Very Different

"Financially, the climate is very different from that of a year ago. Interest rates offer greater inducements to savers. The business world no longer finds the ample profit margins of a year ago so easy to maintain."

"But we are still waiting for evidence that the policy of restraint has brought any significant diversion of effort from the home market to the export field."—Reuter.

Porkkala Base Occupation Draws To A Close

Helsinki, Jan. 25.

The last Soviet train passed through Porkkala district today on the eve of the formal transfer back to Finland of the Porkkala naval base which the Russians have occupied since 1944.

When the boat train from Turku to Helsinki arrived at the small border station of Taekker the Finnish engine was replaced as usual by a Russian locomotive carrying the pictures of Lenin and Stalin.

For the first time since 1944 only two doors were sealed.

There were other indications of the imminent end of Soviet occupation of the base. Soviet allowed passengers to take pictures of the Soviet engine and of the soldiers themselves.

At one place a grinning Finnish soldier placed his arm around the shoulder of a Russian soldier and together they posed for the cameras.—China Mail Special.

Church Of England's Essential Loyalty In Case Of Tension

London, Jan. 25.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Geoffrey Fisher, said in London today that in any case of "tension", the Church of England was guided by "its essential loyalty to God" rather than by its secondary loyalties towards the Queen, the nation and the people.

Dr Fisher was addressing the foreign press in the British capital, at a luncheon given in his honour, for the first time since Princess Margaret's decision not to wed Group Captain Peter Townsend, a divorcee.

In reply to questions, Dr Fisher said it "looks a scandal" when bishops of the Church of England were nominated by a Prime Minister, who, at present is not a member of the Church.

Closely Associated

But the Church is in "fact" "closely associated" in the appointment of its hierarchy, said the Archbishop. He said there existed "a degree of confidence on which makes the result a reliable to both sides."

Dr Fisher said that an "adjustment" in the relations between Church and State became necessary from time to time.

He continued: "It is the duty of the churches in obedience to Christ to fight their way as near to each other as possible."

He said there were close relations between the Church of England, the Scandinavian churches and the Orthodox Church. But, an organic union was not the immediate objective, he added.

Discussing the question of divorce, the Archbishop upheld the Church of England's attitude towards the divorcees of King Henry the Eighth (who had six wives).

Annulments

These had not in fact been divorces but annulments, he said.

"And in any case, at that time, 'the Pope was just as good at giving this kind of divorce as the Church of England.'"

France-Press.

STATEMENT ON BUS LOCK-OUT

London, Jan. 25.

Mr David Jones (Labour) asked the Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, in the House of Commons today whether he had any statement to make about the lock-out of workers on the suburban omnibus services in Singapore.

In a written reply, the Colonial Secretary said: "As a result of a succession of lightning strikes by workers of 12 Chinese bus undertakings, the Singapore Chinese Bus Owners Association declared a lock-out of their employees on strike until the Singapore Bus Workers' Union agreed to certain terms."

Owners' Rights

"The terms included the recognition of owners' rights to manage their own undertakings and an assurance that there would be no more lightning strikes."

"After the Minister for Labour and Welfare had announced his intention to set up a court of enquiry, the parties to the dispute signed an agreement on December 29, and the bus services were resumed."—Reuter.

Afro-Asian-Arab Group Calls For Action In Algeria

United Nations, Jan. 25.

The United Nations powerful Arab-Asian-African group today called on France to end "unnecessary bloodshed and human suffering" in Algeria.

Nineteen countries of the 23-nation bloc discussed the Algerian situation for almost an hour and a half but took no formal action asking the UN Security Council to intervene in the North African situation.

The group had before it a letter from Messali Hadj, a leader of the Algerian National Movement, warning that France is creating "a condition of full-scale civil war" in Algeria where it has more troops than it had in Indo-China before the fall of Dien Bien Phu.

Informal sources said Messali Hadj had appealed to Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld early this month to circulate as a Security Council document his letter dealing with the Algerian situation.—United Press.

Particular Stress

A formal statement issued by Syrian delegate Rafik Ashi, chairman of the bloc this month, said today's meeting was devoted to the "deteriorating situation in Algeria."

"Particular stress," Ashi said, "was laid on the continued gravity of recent events and the appalling toll of lives which is not conducive to relaxation of world tension."

"The group is greatly concerned that no improvement in the situation has taken place. The Arab-Asian group expresses the hope that the French government will take expeditious action to find a satisfactory and just solution to the question of Algeria and hereby put an end to the unnecessary bloodshed and human suffering."

Asha would not answer questions seeking to amplify his brief statement.

Ceylon and Jordan were the only two of six newly-elected UN members to attend the bloc.

ALLEGED THREAT TO WRECK EXHIBITION

London, Jan. 25.

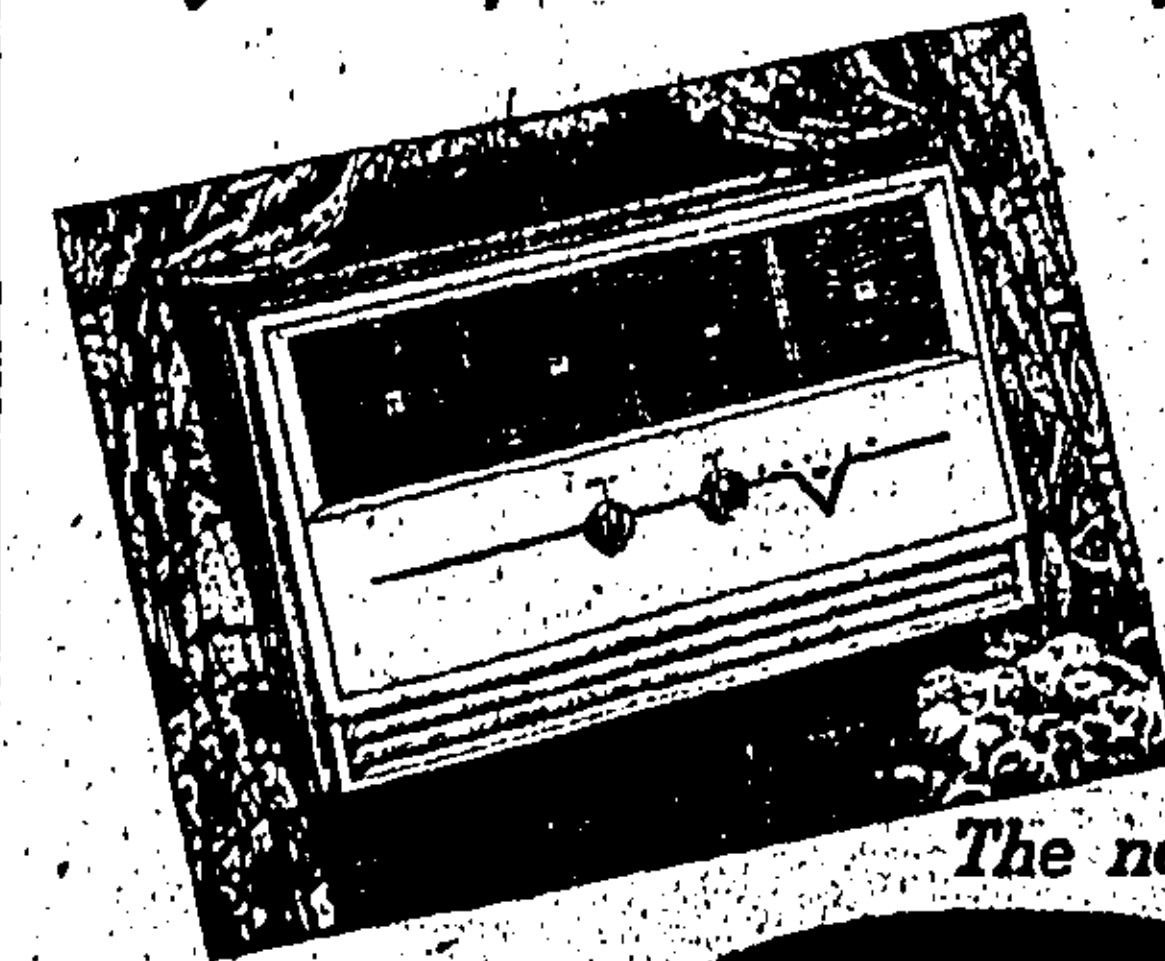
The police have been told of rumours that former prisoners of war of the Japanese to "wreck" a judo festival here on January 28, in which leading Japanese judo experts will take part.

The London Judo Society which is putting the international festival on at the Royal Albert Hall, said tonight it was not true that they were cancelling the show after supposed receiving threats.

The society's secretary, Mr Eric Dominy, said a woman purporting to be his secretary telephoned the Albert Hall manager and told him the show was off because of threats to wreck it by former POWs.

Mr Dominy said he told the hall manager—and the police—that the woman was not his secretary and he had no knowledge of any such threats.—Reuter.

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RACE FOR LIFE IN RIVER TUNNEL

New York, Jan. 25.

Water broke through the rock casing of the partly finished \$100,000,000 third tube of the Lincoln vehicular tunnel today, forcing two workmen to run for safety when they were unable to close a bulkhead door against water streaming in from the Hudson River.

No other lives were endangered, and no one was injured.

The leak was in a small section of a "pilot tunnel" under the New York shore which is being prepared to receive the main tunnel bore.

The 11 by 16 foot pilot tunnel is being cut gingerly through solid rock to meet the main bore being pushed eastward under the river from New Jersey.—United Press.

ATTEMPT ON NEHRU'S LIFE

Two Rewarded For Gallantry

New Delhi, Jan. 26.

Two awards to men who fought off an intending murderer of India's Premier Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, in Nagpur last March, were announced in India's Republic Day honours.

One of them Mr R. T. Rajgopal, Rep. Rajgopal, Military Secretary to the Governor of Madhya Pradesh was awarded the President's Police and Fire Services Medal for Gallantry. He was travelling in Mr Nehru's car when a rickshaw-puller Baburao "jumped on the footboard with the intention of stabbing the Prime Minister. Rajgopal threw himself on Baburao who fell to the ground."

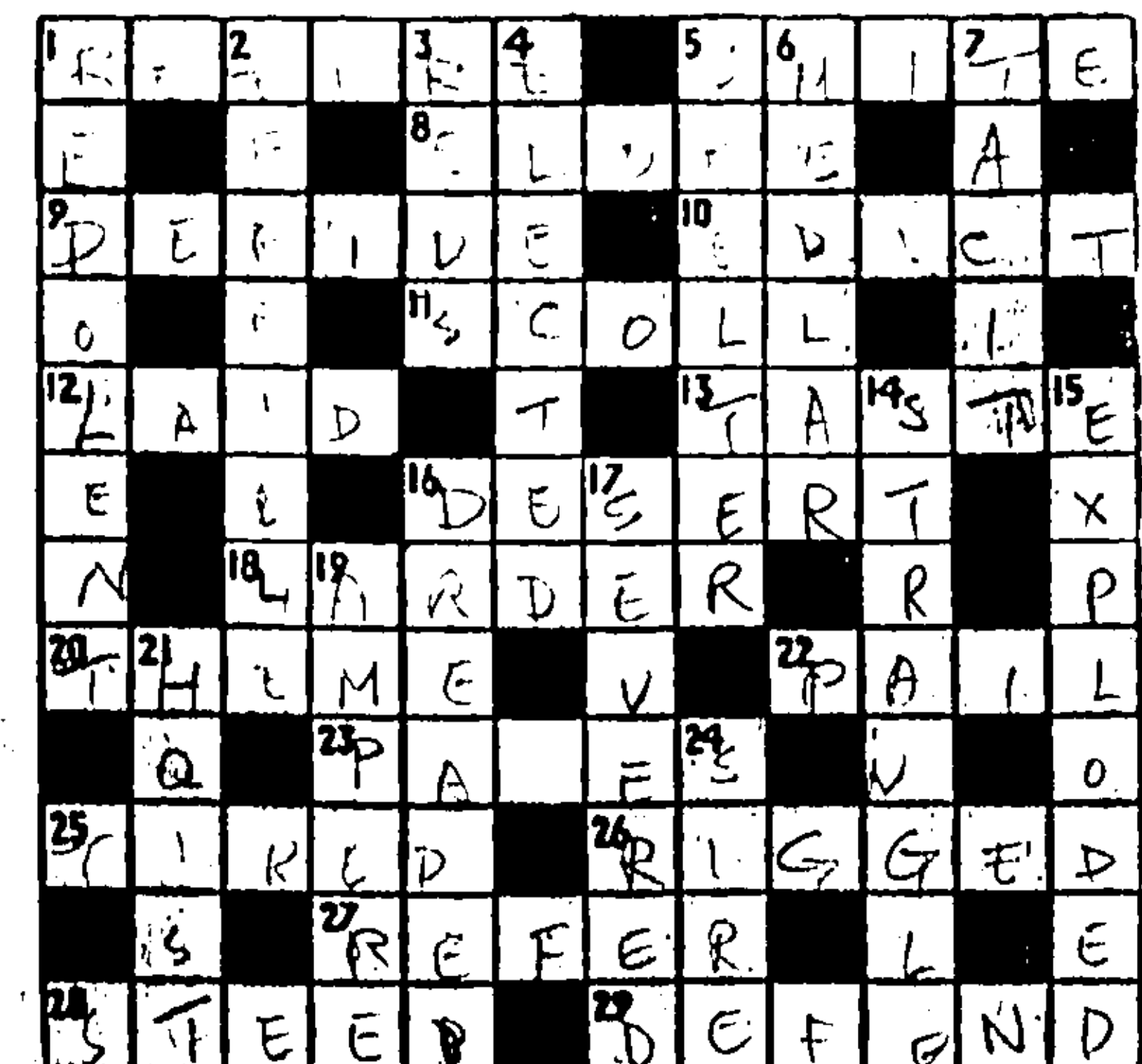
Cycle Escort

The Police Medal for Gallantry went to Reserve Inspector Terence Quinn, one of Mr Nehru's motor cycle escorts, who leapt off his machine onto Baburao.

The citation for both said "the alertness and courage displayed undoubtedly saved the Prime Minister from grievous or even fatal injury."

Baburao was sentenced to six years' imprisonment for the attempt to murder of Mr Nehru.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Go to bed (8).
 - Strike (5).
 - Run off (5).
 - Scott (6).
 - Proclamation (8).
 - Our (5).
 - Deceased (4).
 - Severous (3).
 - Wilderness (6).
 - Sick-room (6).
 - Subject (5).
 - Buck (5).
 - Peals (5).
 - Wary (5).
 - Equipment (8).
 - Alone (5).
 - Mount (5).
 - Project (6).
- DOWN
- Fragrant (8).
 - Dreadful (8).
 - Communist (4).
 - Chose by vote (7).
 - Zinc (7).
 - Fruit (5).
 - Implored (5).
 - Throated (8).
 - Great off with a bang (6).
 - Fearful (7).
 - Cut apart (7).
 - Electrical unit (8).
 - Lift (5).
 - Ancestor (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Copies, 5 Scale, 9 Vent, 10 Exiled, 11 Exact, 12 Mosaic, 14 Torino, 15 Lather, 16 Alone, 17 Bank, 20 Muffed, 21 Opera, 22 Lariat, 23 Item, 24 Hated, 25 Tender. Down: 1 Crew, 2 Prim, 3 Even, 4 Sedate, 5 Steep, 6 Adamant, 7 Rotated, 8 Lemon, 9 Candour, 10 Torment, 11 Marmalade, 12 Anger, 13 Bullet, 14 Type, 15 Die, 16 Sur.

Who Will Be The 'Top Doctor?'

Two Brilliant Minds In Rivalry

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

LONDON. Two men who could hardly be less alike are thrusting for the biggest prize in British medicine—the nicely timed promotion to the peerage which carries the recognition of being the nation's top doctor.

One is 55-year-old SIR HENRY COHEN, the dapper, slightly-built bachelor from Merseyside who worked his way from near-poverty to international fame with dazzling ability. The other is 60-year-old SIR RUSSELL BRAIN, the burly, Quaker family man from Teddington, Middlesex, who had the public school-Oxford start in life, and has achieved eminence by unspectacular but solid progress.

HELMSMAN

NOW that Lord Horder is 73 and Lord Webb-Johnson 75, the House of Lords awaits a younger peer who can speak with authority on behalf of Britain's 10,000 physicians.

Cohen and Brain are the only men seen to be in the running for the post of the pinnacle of a different kind of power.

Cohen is highly influential in three fields as a physician, a university professor, and a university officer who turns out fine doctors through the hands of his teaching and, above all, as a Government adviser.

It is through his helmsman-ship of Health Ministry com-

mittees that he exerts his greatest power.

Brain, the high-level nerve specialist, is more in the traditional mould by nature and by experience. A more reserved man, he has just been re-elected president of the Royal College of Physicians, a position which is nearest to being titular head of the nation's family doctors.

If medicine had not been nationalised, Brain would easily be first favourite. But with the coming of the Health Service, the influence of the Royal College has waned, while the power of the Health Ministry has mounted like a mushroom cloud.

DIVIDED

DOCTORS are divided in support of the two contestants. The younger generation generally favours Cohen, perhaps mainly through irrepressible admiration of his self-made success.

When he won his way to Liverpool University he was so hard up that he always walked the long uphill trail from the Mersey ferry to save the train fare.

After taking every possible prize he became professor there at 34 and quickly built up a reputation as a physician with that almost magical capacity for diagnosing disease which only a few exceptional men acquire.

CHAIRMAN

HIS work on local committees earned him such a name for firm and forthright leadership that he was made chairman of the experts who advised the Health Ministry in 1948, and he has held the job ever since.

When the Ministry set up a committee with the delicate task of telling doctors which drugs they should not prescribe under

the Health scheme, Cohen was chosen as the man with the prestige to accomplish this with least offence to the G.P.s.

After he suffered a serious heart attack three years ago he was faced with cutting down his committees or his practice. He decided to keep the committees. Brain has the backing of the staid, more conservative doctors, who prefer a less "progressive" middle-of-the-road man. This showed up in the election for the presidency of the Royal College of Physicians in 1950, when both Brain and Cohen were candidates.

WINNER

BRAIN, then plain Dr and relatively unknown outside his specialist field, polled 110 votes. Cohen polled eight.

Cohen is also less popular with leaders of the British Medical Association, who consider that he has been over-enthusiastic about the Health Service.

Though Brain has a Harley Street address his hobbies are bird-watching and gardening. The major spare-time interests of Cohen, who, in spite of his resolve to remain provincial, is much the more urbane, are the theatre and sparkling conversation.

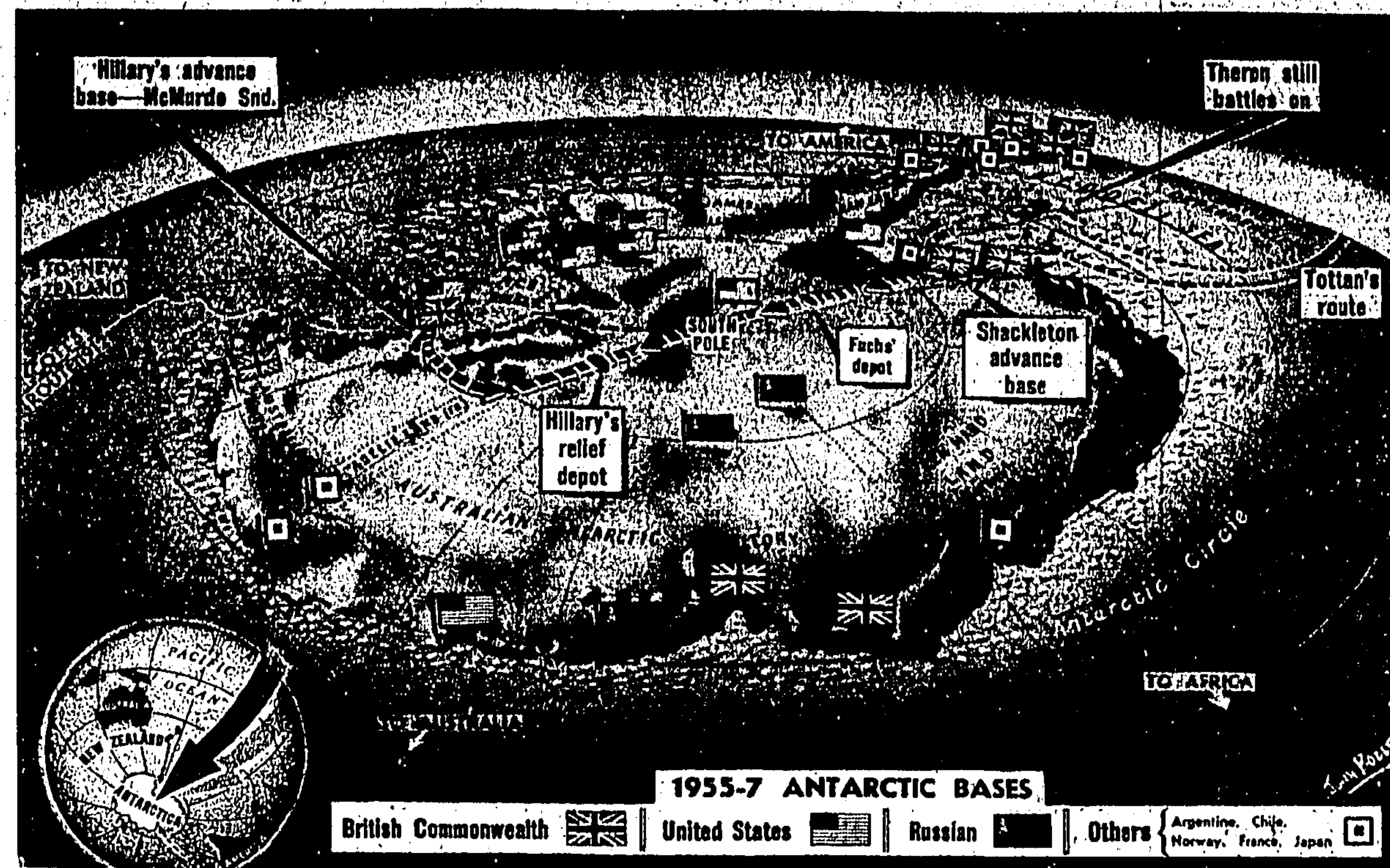
The title score to date is in favour of Brain. Cohen has received no honour since he was knighted in 1949, though his greatest public service has been done since then. Though Brain was not knighted until 1952, he has since been bumped up to baronet.

Some expert odds-layers believe that Cohen's chances are slim while the Tory Government lasts, because he has too many friends among the Socialists.

But even if the political dice are loaded in favour of Brain, my money is still on the brilliant boy from Birkenhead.

NAVY STEAMS TO RESCUE

FOCUS ON THE 'BATTLE' AMID THE ICE



RENE MacCOLL SEES THE FINNS REJOICE

Hurrah, The Reds Are Off

THE Russians are getting out!

So the 4,000,000 people of Finland are in an uproar of rejoicing—but there are 10,000 citizens who are raising their glasses of schnapps higher than anyone else.

For Soviet Russia is about to relinquish her grip on the military base of Porkkala after 16 years of occupation—and the 10,000 Finnish displaced persons who were thrown out by the Red Army can now return in peace to their farms and cottages.

This week Russia will totally abandon her Baltic Gibraltar. The Red soldiers and sailors have gone. Tremendous explosions have marked the destruction of the Soviet U-boat pens, carved out of the granite cliffs, and of the other military installations.

Now it is only a question of protocol. The smiling Russians—always sticklers for formality—have prepared tremendous inventories, just like departing tenants, checking with a household.

Finnish officials will check with the Soviets the list of what is to be returned.

The Russians are taking away with them their railway locomotives and rolling stock. There is to be a solemn ceremony when the "border" signs are removed and Finland can again call Porkkala her own.

So there is rejoicing in Helsinki in spite of a terrific blizzard which caused my plane to circle for an hour over the airport before it could get down through the driving snow.

And as I came into town—a drive of about half an hour—I saw huge snow-ploughs trying to cope with

the nine-inch fall and the big drifts.

What lies behind this dramatic—and voluntary—Russian withdrawal from "a position of strength."

1 It will provide the Kremlin with a wonderful diplomatic talking point. The Russians can now say: "You see, we leave our bases on foreign soil. Now, what about Cyprus? And what about the United States' bases in such countries as Turkey?"

2 In return for getting a part of their own country back, the Finns have agreed to extend their treaty of friendship and co-operation and mutual assistance with the U.S.S.R. from 1958—when it was supposed to end—to 1975.

What this means is that Finland proclaims her neutrality for the next 20 years—but if Germany "or any Power allied to her" should attack Finland, then the Finns would call in the Russians and go to war.

At Porkkala, only 20 minutes by car from Helsinki, the Russians have been occupying about 300 square miles of farms and summer camping sites.

How did they get it? In September 1944 the Red Army, chasing the Germans, walked in and took Porkkala. But we British played a strange, and little known, role in the Finland story.

For we declared for on Finland on December 8, 1941.

We had a Military Control Commission in Finland for some years after the war. And we were signatories to the peace treaty with Finland which gave Russia the right to grab Porkkala.

That peace treaty was signed in 1947. Since then the Russians have done things in their characteristic way.

Trains moving through the Porkkala area—which was roughly the equivalent of a strip of land running from Eastbourne to Brighton and inland as far as Haywards Heath—were "blacked out" by specially sited window shutters.

But now it is over—and all Finland rejoices. Twenty thousand Soviet troops have been air-lifted out of Porkkala. Soon the Finns will be back.

But wait for the propaganda reaction—wait for it. Already Russia's Marshal Zhukov has said: "The sooner others follow our example the better it will be for peace in general."

FOOTNOTE: About that "war" we declared against Finland back in 1941. Britain and the British have never been more popular than they are in Finland today.

A distinguished Finnish diplomat has just told me this pleasant anecdote: "When word was received that Britain had declared war on Finland the colonel of my regiment summoned the officers.

"He looked at us critically and said: 'From now on I must request you shave every day. For we now find ourselves at war with gentlemen.'"

By STEPHEN HARPER

THE Navy is sailing to help the Trans-Atlantic expedition ship Theron, still struggling to clear the pack ice in the Weddell Sea.

The Protector, a 2,900-ton frigate, is steaming 1,200 miles from her flag-showing cruise in the Falkland Islands Dependencies to send up two helicopters on ice-spotting patrols.

Protector's Captain J. V. Wilkinson, offered the help by radio. Back came the answer from expedition leader Dr Vivian Fuchs. "Many thanks. Very much welcome reconnaissance."

The 849-ton Theron has drifted with the pack ice which has hemmed her in for more than two weeks.

For a week she could not move at all. The rest of the time slow progress has been made through jammed, 6ft-thick ice floes by blasting. It will take the Navy about five days to reach the vicinity of the Theron. But once she is back in clear water she will be able to send up her own two boat-lifted Austers to spot a way round the ice packs.

Dr Fuchs said before he left London: "We are not using helicopters because they are expensive, complex to handle and maintain in sub-zero temperatures." As for JOHN BODLE charts the wastes of the Antarctic in this special map. It shows that

the "empty continent"—as big as Europe and the U.S.—is nothing.

Who is there? Eleven nations are establishing bases for observation during the International Geophysical Year (1957-58)—a time when all nations co-operate in collecting facts on the way the world works.

THE U.S. is spending \$20,000,000 and backing scientists with a naval task force of nine ships and 10 planes.

American planes have ranged over the unknown interior, dropping the Stars and Stripes. One American base is to be air-lifted right to the South Pole. Another is two hours' air from a Russian base in Australia's Wilkes Land.

RUSSIA landed a 300-strong expedition two weeks ago. Planes were assembled and are now flying.

BRITAIN's effort is dwarfed by the scale of these foreign expeditions.

The Treasury is paying £150,000 to maintain the Royal Society base, now being set up by the 840-ton Tottan at Coats Land. Another £100,000 from the Treasury goes to the £250,000 British Trans-Atlantic expedition in the Theron.

The Theron men will make a trek of 2,000 miles all through British Commonwealth territory. From the New Zealand base at McMurdo Sound Everest conqueror Sir Edmund Hillary will lead a relief party overland to meet them—300 miles from this Pole.

EDEN-EISENHOWER PLAN FOR MIDDLE EAST

By JAMES WICKENDEN

LONDON. HARMONY is to be the keynote of the British-American talks on the Middle East—closer co-operation between the powers than the world has seen since the war.

This is the forecast from Whitehall where it is expected that the chief result may be an economic plan with force kept in the background. But many problems face the conference.

The London analysis spotlights Russia's main aim.

From Mr. Sobolev's present policy in the United Nations this appears to be simple. It is to back Arab complaints against Israel's armed actions so hard that the West is forced to block them. This will make the West appear as siding with Israel.

Russian Aim

So, by heavily supporting one side the Russians aim to disturb the impartial approach of the West; accentuate the rift in the Middle East between Arab and Jew; and so raise the Arab against the Western oil interests in the region.

stiffening the economic side of the Bagdad Pact. Atomic power and promotion of schemes covering several Arab countries have been suggested and discussed by the economic committee.

In Washington Prime Minister Eden will be asking the Americans to help in this work. Here is where the difficulties begin.

The American Administration—in this election year—is believed to be reluctant to hand out massive aid in the Middle East. Treasury Secretary Humphrey is one of the chief spokesmen of the new movement in Washington against "buying" support from under-developed countries.

Oil Dollars

Britain may counter by pointing to Arabia, where American dollars pour in to pay for oil wrested by Western know-how. This, the British may say, has the same effect as uncontrolled aid. They will produce much evidence to show these dollars are being used by Arabs to bribe revolutionary agents in Jordan, and then request that America stop pampering Arabia. The Americans, too, will be stating their complaints—that Britain has not fully consulted the United States before taking a Western lead in Middle East policy. They may cite the Eden policy. They may cite the Eden policy. They may cite the Eden policy. They may cite the Eden policy.

British pressure for America to join the Bagdad Pact; and Tamm's "disastrous" visit to Jordan. But these are small differences compared with the general alignment of feeling on the sides of the Atlantic—that the West is threatened by a common enemy and has common interests to protect in the Middle East.

Joint Approach And after the experience in the Far East, where the West has painfully reached only the bare outlines of agreed policy, there is readiness for compromise on both sides. Also the Americans are being generally frank in admitting that they do not yet know what to do in the Middle East.

One result at least may be a firm agreement on Israel. The British view is that Israel should have more arms, but not so much as to upset the military balance in the area. It is, therefore, likely that the U.S. will push through the arms grants asked for by Israel last November, but in much smaller amounts than requested.

The other big prospect is of the beginnings of a joint U.S.-British economic approach to the Middle East, including Egypt and Israel, as well as the Bagdad Pact countries. The form this will take cannot be foreseen, but it will be on the right lines to combat Communist influence. This is the hope in London.

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SOME SIDELIGHTS TO HONGKONG'S FIRST WORLD RECORD

By "RECORDER"

The man who achieved the first ever world record broken in Hongkong was, of course, Robert Henry Pape of HMS Tamar, one of the world's greatest athletes not only by achievement but also by personality, but the story of his world record 30-Mile run at Caroline Hill yesterday has already been recounted by the contemporary local morning press and by a great deal of the world press.

Contrary to some idealistic reports in the contemporary press, Bob Pape's movement of a handkerchief from one hand to the other was largely a signal to his wife, Diana, to speak up or keep quiet, because a man running round a near-440-yard track to schedule does not want to be talked to after every lap but does, occasionally, want some information on his progress.

The HKAAA is very proud of Pape's achievement yesterday, and as a special sign of recognition will this coming Sunday at the HKAAA Novices' Championships put him in charge of women's field events.

Pakistan And MCC 'A' Still Level After Drawn Match

Lahore, Jan. 25. Pakistan and MCC "A" move on to East Pakistan for the second unofficial Test at Dacca, starting on February 3, are still level after the drawn match here.

There was never a hint that MCC were in danger of defeat today when they took full opportunity to bolster their uncertain batting prestige when their first innings day.

Yet Pakistan might have made the opposition struggle much harder if they had not been offered by Richardson off the bowling of Fayaz Mohammad.

Nearly all the Pakistan team bowled in the closing stages when Tompkin, Harrington (who had a third wicket stand of 101) and Carr helped themselves to some cheap runs and Ali Muddin to some cheap wickets.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

SIXTH (ANNUAL) RACE MEETING

Saturday, 28th January, Wednesday 1st & Saturday, 4th February, 1956.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 30 RACES.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon each day.

The Tiffin interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) each day.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.

All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road, only on the written introduction of a Member, who will be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Enclosure.

CASH SWEEPS

Although Through Tickets cannot normally be purchased for each day of a Meeting unless there is an interval of at least five days between each day an exception is being made for the Annual Race Meeting. Through Cash Sweep tickets, therefore, at \$20 each per day or \$100 for the three days of the Meeting may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building (Chater Road) and 5, D'Almeida Street during normal office hours until 10.00 a.m. on each day of the Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 27th January will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 4th February 1956, at \$20.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building (Chater Road), 5, D'Almeida Street and 382, Nathan Road.

TOTALISATOR

Backets are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards, A. E. ARNOLD, Secretary.

RILEY DOWN BUT NOT OUT



A solid right put Army's Tpr Riley out of the ring momentarily but the Army boxer, came back full of fight left in him to worry Royal Navy's Abdul Wahid won on points in this Light-welterweight semi-finals bout in the Colony Boxing Championships at Southern Playground last night.—China Mail Photo.

COLONY BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

STRANGE DECISIONS AND SENSATIONAL HAPPENINGS IN SEMI-FINAL CONTESTS

By OUR BOXING REPORTER

Amid thrills and incidents, hard punching and traditional pluck the semi-final rounds of the Colony Boxing Championships were fought off at the Southern Playground last night.

Once again there was a surprisingly good crowd — including coach Ramsey Bucks and 30 Schoolboy boxers who were admitted free — and they were well rewarded for their attendance particularly as far as the efforts of the boxers were concerned. Many of the spectators, however, must have been as puzzled as I was by some of the decisions.

If the Hongkong Amateur Boxing Association is to make any real progress something must be done about the judging of contests. The verdict in the Jones-Hill bout for example was virtually a mockery and an insult to the intelligence of the paying public around the ring. Jones was in control from the start. His punching was faster and more accurate than Hill's. He carried the fight to his opponent from start to finish, and how any trio of qualified judges made Hill the winner — other than by a clear case of mistaken identity — is almost impossible to guess.

The same thing happened again, but at a lesser degree, in the Legerton-Grant contest when Legerton, who had an off night and never looked like mastering his opponent, was declared the winner.

Legerton pinned his hopes on his long and powerful left hand but Grant was seldom caught by it and quickly showed that the REME lad, is a very ordinary fighter when the fight is carried close to him.

Grant had a fine last round. He had Legerton in real trouble just before the end and it seemed to many of us at the ringside that the smiling Bombardier had done enough in his spirited bouts of in-fighting to merit the award — close as it must have been.

BIGGEST SENSATION

The biggest sensation of the night was suitably reserved for the last contest. This brought together an old favourite LAC Robinson of the Royal Air Force and Sgt Mahoney of the Army. "Tubby" Robinson is a very popular boxer and in the minute or so the bout lasted he inflicted a near certainty for the final. After some preliminary exchanges the fight moved into Robinson's corner. There was a preliminary flurry of blows and suddenly Mahoney was stretched on the canvas. The referee started to count — moved Robinson to a neutral corner — progressed the count as far as either '8' or '9' and then stopped.

He went to the opposite corner of the ring and the MC — apparently without instruction from the referee — announced that Robinson had won on a knock-out.

The referee immediately intervened and was seen to speak first to the judges at the ringside, and to the MC, who then announced that Robinson had been disqualified for "upping his opponent with his hands and hitting him when he was down."

Arguments and discussions took place all around the arena and from what could be ascertained, it seemed that the referee who was quite satisfied in his own mind as to what took place, had received confirmation of it from one of the judges. It was bad luck on Robinson who apparently lost control in a moment of excitement.

Jock Dinning, resplendent in a bright tartan dressing gown, made short work of a game opponent when he knocked out AB Burn, RN in the first round. This quick victory balanced the Army-Navy account on knock-outs for a little earlier in the night.

Welterweight Division AB Smith and LAC Duvel (RAF) beat LAC Phillips (RN) on points. Ctn Dinning (A) KO'd AB Burn (RN) in Round One.

TREMENDOUS BATTLE

Little chunky AB Abdul Wahid won many hearts and a place in the final after a tremendous battle with Tpr Riley of the Army. The boy from Malaya is as tough and as crafty as they come and although at a big disadvantage in height and reach he fought a grand battle and well deserved his victory.

THE RESULTS

The full results were as follows:—

Bantamweight

AB Edwards (RN) beat Tpr Smyth (A) by TKO in Round Two.

L/S Chills (RN) beat Ctn Holland (A) on points.

Featherweights

AB Dunford (RN) beat Cpl Flynn (A) on points.

L/Bdr Melver (A) beat LAC Hughes (RAF) on points.

Lightweights

Gnr Hills (A) beat L/Cpl Jones (A) on points.

L/Cpl Meigh (A) received a walk-over from AB Isaac (RN) unfit.

Light Welterweights

AB Abdul Wahid (RN) beat Tpr Riley (A) on points.

Ctn Legerton (A) beat Bdr Grant (A) on points.

Welterweights

AB Smith (RN) KO'd Tpr Williams (A) in Round One.

Pte Tomlinson (A) beat Cpl Turner (A) on points.

Light Middleweights

LAC Duvel (RAF) beat L/Cpl Phillips (RN) on points.

AB Phillips (RN) beat L/Cpl Brown (A) on points.

Middleweights

L/Bdr Dickinson (A) beat LAC Sheikh Haron (RAF) on points.

Ctn Dinning (A) KO'd AB Burn (RN) in Round One.

Heavyweights

Sgt Mahoney (A) beat LAC Robinson (RAF) on a disqualification in Round One.

The finals will be staged at the Southern Playground on Friday when boxing will start at 8.30 p.m.

Footnote: The missing gloves have not yet been returned.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Athletic La Salle College Annual Athletic Meet at Boundary Street, 3 p.m.

Shoot HK Rifle Services Section at Kaitak range, 2 p.m.

Table Tennis HK Rifle Services Section at Kaitak range, 2 p.m.

Boxing HK Rifle Services Section at Kaitak range, 2 p.m.

TOMORROW

Boxing Finals at Southern Playground, 8.30 p.m.

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WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

American Bobsledders Fail Again To Match Italians' Speed

Cortina, Jan. 25.

American bobsledders again failed to match the speed of the Italians today in the last practice runs before the opening of the Olympic two-man races on Friday.

Eugenio Monti, the 22-year-old Cortina brush salesman, who holds the course record of one minute, 21.98 seconds, topped the practice heats with a time of 1:22.45. Monti posted the best time in the official two-man tryouts which ended yesterday.

Lamberto Dalla Costa (Italy) was second today with a 1:22.82 effort. Bud Washbond, American's top hope in the two-man competition, was third with 1:23.60.

Franz Kapus of Switzerland was fourth with 1:24.01, and Max Angeli of Switzerland, was fifth with 1:24.30.

The Italian indicated they hope to dominate the four-man bobsledding also. In today's first run, Dino Demarlin of Italy and his three sledmates zipped down the run of one mile, 109 yards in one minute, 13.77 seconds for the fastest clocking. It was a new Italian record.

A Swedish bob, driven by Gunnar Ahls, overturned at the first of the 10 curves. It skidded along upside down before grinding to a halt, but the four riders were unhurt.

Only two Olympic athletes remained in the Codivilla Hospital for treatment today, but their condition was described as good. They are Belgium's Desorgher and Rumania's Secul.

MINOR INJURIES

The hospital's medical bulletin pointed out that today's casualties were the slightest so far. Seven athletes reported for minor injuries such as bruises and cuts.

The bulletin also announced that German girl skier Evi Lenz, who entered the hospital on Saturday with a broken wrist, was dismissed today. She is still wearing a plaster cast, however.

Aside from those who have suffered only minor cuts or bruises, 20 others have been sidelined during the past week in pre-Olympic warm-ups.

United Press.

The performance in today's ski-jump training were as follows:

1. Andrej Daniel - Gascienca (Poland) 76.6 metres.

2. Eino Kirjonen (Finland) 70 metres.

3. Sverre Stenstam (Norway) 70 metres.

4. Aulis Kallakorpi (Finland) 70.8 metres.

5. Yuri Skvorcov (USSR) 75.5 metres.

6. Koba Tsakadze (USSR) 75 metres.

7. Nikolai Schamov (USSR) 74.5 metres.

8. Mojmir Stuchlik (Czech) 74.5 metres.

9. Asbjorn Omses (Norway) 74 metres.

10. Roman Slezcka-Gascienca (Poland) 73.5 metres.

11. Stanislaw Marusarz (Poland) 72.5 metres.

12. Tito Tolin (Italy) 72 metres.

13. Hiroshi Yoshizawa (Japan) 71.5 metres.

The first two days programme for the Seventh Winter Olympic Games, starting tomorrow, was announced tonight.

On Thursday, the opening ceremony will be at the ice stadium at 11.30 (local). In the evening, there will be ice hockey at 1900 between Austria and Italy at 2130 between Canada and Germany.

FRIDAY'S PROGRAMME

Friday's programme will be as follows: (all times local).

0800: Two-man bobsled (1st and 2nd heats).

12. Rumania I (Enech and M. Blagescu).

13. Germany I (H. Rotsch and L. Nuber).

14. Spain (A. De Portugal and V. Sarrion).

15. Italy II (E. Monti and B. Alvera).

16. Germany II (A. Ostler and H. Honenester).

17. Britain II (S. Parkinson and C. Williams).

18. Sweden II (S. Erbs and W. Aronsson).

19. Italy I (L. Dalla Costa and G. Conti).

20. Britain I (K. Schellernberg and J. Rainforth).

21. Norway II (A. Roegden and P. Solli).

22. Poland I (A. Konieczny and Z. Skworczyk).

23. Liechtenstein (M. Heidegger and G. Wollinger).

24. Rumania II (C. Dragomir and G. Moldobanu).

25. France II (S. Giacchini and A. Dommet).

France Press.

FIVE WINS EACH

England and Scotland drew with five wins each in an amateur international boxing contest at the Albert Hall here tonight.

England led 5-2 with three bouts to go but Scotland fought back to take the next three fights and draw the contest.

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WINTER GAMES

Japan Has Three Good Chances In Skiing Events Says Coach

Cortina D'Ampezzo, Jan. 25. Prince Tsunoyoshi Yakeda, leader of the 23-man Japanese Olympic team, told reporters tonight that his team were "keen and determined to make a good show" in the Seventh Winter Olympic Games opening here tomorrow.

The Italian President, Signor Giovanni Gronchi, will declare the games open in a newly-built 700,000 sterling ice stadium before a capacity crowd of nearly 13,000 people.

Japan has a team of 10 competitors and 13 officials at the Games, and one of their coaches said tonight that they had three good chances in the skiing events.

Their hopes in these events rested in Chiharu "Chick" Goya, the Salomon race long distance runner Anasuka Gomi, who finished sixth in the 50-kilometre event in Oslo; and ski jumper Hiroshi Yoshizawa, who had done 80 metres and should be a threat to the crack jumpers from Finland, Russia and the north.

Italian skiing experts have been tremendously impressed by Goya, who is a student at Dalmeida College in the United States. They said that if the States are likely to place this remarkable little Japanese might well win the Gold medal.

PROSPECTS

Japanese prospects in the speedskating events are also fairly good, according to Kuro Kuti, former Japanese skating champion.

"Both Takemura and Takabashi have done extremely well during training here," he said.

The Japanese team will file into the stadium 14th of the competing nations which march past the President in alphabetical order apart from Greece, which is first and Italy, the host nation, which is last.

Wearing blue and grey, the smart Japanese team will have their flag carried before them by ski jumper Hiroshi Yoshizawa. The magnificent four tier arena which took three years to build — helped considerably by money from the Italian football pools — will be filled by the 1,200 competitors from 32 competing nations who have come to this attractive Winter sports resort.

After the playing of the Olympic hymn, the raising of the five-ringed Olympic flag, which has been in the safe keeping of the Mayor of Oslo since 1952, and the firing of the three-gun salute, Guido Carli, Italy's speed skating champion, will come gliding into the beflagged stadium bearing aloft the Olympic torch as he skins over the gleaming ice.

Having circled the track, he will light the Olympic flame, which will burn in the bowl before the stadium until the closing 10 days later.

Later another famous Italian sporting personality, Giuliano Minuzzi, Bronze medalist in the women's downhill ski event in Oslo four years ago, will take the oath on behalf of all competitors.

At the close of this ceremony, the teams will file from the stadium, which will be closed until the evening when Italy, the host nation, will set the Olympic Games in motion with their first ice hockey game against Austria.

Canada, the Olympic Champions, will play a match with Germany.

Thereafter, daily bids will be made for Olympic honours at skating, ski jumping, speed skating, figure skating, bobsleigh and ice hockey. — China Mail Special.

ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Full List Of Entries For Novices Meeting At Caroline Hill On Sunday

Entries for this year's HKAAA Novices Championships, to be held at the South China Athletic Association Stadium at Caroline Hill this coming Sunday, have reached the all-time record figure of 185.

With the majority of the intending competitors entered for more than one event, some of these in as many as four, there is considerable congestion, particularly in the field events. There are 20 entries in the Long Jump and the Javelin Throw, 17 in the Shot Put and even nine in the never too popular Hammer Throw.

This has necessitated quite a few changes from the original time table of events. The principal changes involve qualifying rounds for the High Jump, Long Jump, and Javelin Throw in the morning. The afternoon programme starts with qualifying rounds in the Discus Throw and the Pole Vault final is no longer in the morning but becomes one of the last events of the afternoon.

The time table for the track events has not been changed much except that the 5,000 Metres final now takes place at 4.30 p.m. and the 800 Metres final has been moved toward the end of the programme at 5 p.m. There are other minor time table alterations that competitors are asked to note in the appended programme.

NEW QUALIFICATIONS

The new Novices' qualification rules have been taken advantage of, as was hoped these would be by the HKAAA, by some of the Colony's leading athletes who have moved up or down in the distance scale or have entered field events other than their particular specialties.

Thus Keith Burch has moved up to 5,000 Metres, Peter Alderton down to 1,500 Metres, Stephen Xavier up to the 400, Lee Shu-chung down to the 400, Peter Boorman who started out as a 1,500 Metres runner, very much down the distance scale to the 400 and 800 Metres, and Peter Randles and Keith Martin, better known as Milers, are in the 400 Metres Hurdles.

The quality of the fields in most of the running events, except the sprints is not much below that of the Colony Championships and it is not impossible, though improbable, that a Colony record may be broken. One does not know how well Randles or Martin can hurdle, but they certainly have the speed on the flat to be regarded as threats to the Colony 400 Metres Hurdles record.

Similarly, Burch has the speed and the stamina to beat Bob Pape's Colony 5,000 Metres record. It is the first time he is running this distance and he is currently fighting fit.

Randles and Boorman are unlikely to beat two minutes for 800 Metres, but they will certainly come very close to the Colony record.

The 400 Metres field, which includes Peter Boorman, Stephen Xavier, Keith Martin, Lee Shu-chung, Frank Walker and Samuel Lo, will certainly not approach Lt. Sweetney's record of 51.4 seconds, but the first three to finish will probably be faster than most Colony Champions of the past except Ng Yuen-fok and Lt. Sweetney.

PROGRAMME

11 a.m. 100 Metres Dash—First Heat (first two to qualify for semi-finals at 2 p.m.)—Fu Yung-hung (DBS), Sgt. Wright (Essex), J. M. F. Collins (RAMC), Hung Chi-sei (HKUAC), Chan Leon-chye (HKUAC).

11.05 a.m. 100 Metres Dash—Second Heat (first two to qualify for semi-finals at 2 p.m.)—Charles Ho (DBS), Sgt. Chippa (Essex), J. F. Hui (RAMC), L. Cpl. Fan King-cheng (HKOR), N. Cook (RNAC).

11.10 a.m. 100 Metres Dash—Third Heat (first two to qualify for semi-finals at 2 p.m.)—D. F. Merrell (RNAC), P. Robinson (Essex), R. Hui (RAMC), L. Cpl. Fan King-cheng (HKOR), N. Cook (RNAC).

11.15 a.m. 100 Metres Dash—Fourth Heat (first two to qualify for semi-finals at 2 p.m.)—Wong Wing-fong (SCAA), Ng Chun-wai (HKUAC), Bdm Walden (N. Staffs).

Staffs), Chan Kam-por (Tak Ming), 11.30 a.m. 100 Metres Dash—Fifth Heat (first two to qualify for semi-finals at 2 p.m.)—Wong Kwong-sing (SCAA), Fung Kai-lee (HKUAC), Cpl. R. Williams (N. Staffs), Bdm Walden (N. Staffs).

11.35 a.m. 100 Metres Dash—Sixth Heat (first two to qualify for semi-finals at 2 p.m.)—G. Goveia (RAF), David To (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Waterman (Essex), Bdm Walden (N. Staffs).

11.40 a.m. High Jump qualifying round (best six to compete in final at 4 p.m.)—Hon. Handal (DBS), Wong Yung-chung (HKOR), Wilson Cheung (unatt.), Cn. Hing-ching (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

11.45 a.m. High Jump qualifying round (best six to compete in final at 4 p.m.)—Hon. Handal (DBS), Wong Yung-chung (HKOR), Wilson Cheung (unatt.), Cn. Hing-ching (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

11.50 a.m. High Jump qualifying round (best six to compete in final at 4 p.m.)—Hon. Handal (DBS), Wong Yung-chung (HKOR), Wilson Cheung (unatt.), Cn. Hing-ching (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

11.55 a.m. High Jump qualifying round (best six to compete in final at 4 p.m.)—Hon. Handal (DBS), Wong Yung-chung (HKOR), Wilson Cheung (unatt.), Cn. Hing-ching (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

12.00 p.m. 200 Metres Dash—First Heat (first four to qualify for final at 4.15 p.m.)—F. Ho (DBS), Hung Chi-sei (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

12.05 p.m. 200 Metres Dash—Second Heat (first four to qualify for final at 4.15 p.m.)—F. Ho (DBS), Hung Chi-sei (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

12.10 p.m. 200 Metres Dash—Third Heat (first four to qualify for final at 4.15 p.m.)—F. Ho (DBS), Hung Chi-sei (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

12.15 p.m. 200 Metres Dash—Fourth Heat (first four to qualify for final at 4.15 p.m.)—F. Ho (DBS), Hung Chi-sei (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

12.20 p.m. 200 Metres Dash—Fifth Heat (first four to qualify for final at 4.15 p.m.)—F. Ho (DBS), Hung Chi-sei (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

12.25 p.m. 200 Metres Dash—Sixth Heat (first four to qualify for final at 4.15 p.m.)—F. Ho (DBS), Hung Chi-sei (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

12.30 p.m. 200 Metres Dash—Seventh Heat (first four to qualify for final at 4.15 p.m.)—F. Ho (DBS), Hung Chi-sei (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

12.35 p.m. 200 Metres Dash—Eighth Heat (first four to qualify for final at 4.15 p.m.)—F. Ho (DBS), Hung Chi-sei (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

12.40 p.m. 200 Metres Dash—Ninth Heat (first four to qualify for final at 4.15 p.m.)—F. Ho (DBS), Hung Chi-sei (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

(HKUAC), Ng Si-kwai (SCAA), Chung Kuo-ling (SCAA), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

3 p.m. 400 Metres Low Hurdles Final—7 p.m. N. Randles (RAF), Ng Tang-chung (SCAA), R. Martin (RAF), Lee Shu-chung (SCAA), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

3.10 p.m. 100 Metres Dash Final—3.25 p.m. Ladies' 100 Metres Dash Final—Valerie Souza (SCAA), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

3.30 p.m. 100 Metres Dash Final—3.45 p.m. Ladies' 100 Metres Dash Final—Valerie Souza (SCAA), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

3.50 p.m. 100 Metres Dash Final—4.05 p.m. Ladies' 100 Metres Dash Final—Valerie Souza (SCAA), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

4.10 p.m. High Jump Final—4.25 p.m. High Jump Final—Hon. Handal (DBS), Wong Yung-chung (HKOR), Wilson Cheung (unatt.), Cn. Hing-ching (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

4.30 p.m. High Jump Final—4.45 p.m. High Jump Final—Hon. Handal (DBS), Wong Yung-chung (HKOR), Wilson Cheung (unatt.), Cn. Hing-ching (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

4.50 p.m. High Jump Final—5.05 p.m. High Jump Final—Hon. Handal (DBS), Wong Yung-chung (HKOR), Wilson Cheung (unatt.), Cn. Hing-ching (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

5.10 p.m. High Jump Final—5.25 p.m. High Jump Final—Hon. Handal (DBS), Wong Yung-chung (HKOR), Wilson Cheung (unatt.), Cn. Hing-ching (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

5.30 p.m. High Jump Final—5.45 p.m. High Jump Final—Hon. Handal (DBS), Wong Yung-chung (HKOR), Wilson Cheung (unatt.), Cn. Hing-ching (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

5.50 p.m. High Jump Final—6.05 p.m. High Jump Final—Hon. Handal (DBS), Wong Yung-chung (HKOR), Wilson Cheung (unatt.), Cn. Hing-ching (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

6.10 p.m. High Jump Final—6.25 p.m. High Jump Final—Hon. Handal (DBS), Wong Yung-chung (HKOR), Wilson Cheung (unatt.), Cn. Hing-ching (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

6.30 p.m. High Jump Final—6.45 p.m. High Jump Final—Hon. Handal (DBS), Wong Yung-chung (HKOR), Wilson Cheung (unatt.), Cn. Hing-ching (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

6.50 p.m. High Jump Final—7.05 p.m. High Jump Final—Hon. Handal (DBS), Wong Yung-chung (HKOR), Wilson Cheung (unatt.), Cn. Hing-ching (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).

7.10 p.m. High Jump Final—7.25 p.m. High Jump Final—Hon. Handal (DBS), Wong Yung-chung (HKOR), Wilson Cheung (unatt.), Cn. Hing-ching (HKUAC), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF), 2/Lt. Mowle (RAF).



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SPORTS ROUND-UP
Len Hutton Nominates Cowdrey As His Successor

Len Hutton who skippered England when they won back the Ashes in 1953, and who retired last week, has nominated Kent's Colin Cowdrey as the man he would like to see as his successor as England's No 1 batsman.

Says Hutton: "Cowdrey is an exceptionally fine young player, who has the ability to open for England, but I am not too certain at the moment he wants to do it."

Avery Brundage, American President of the International Olympic Games committee, is now happy about the Melbourne arrangements. When he visited the site last April, he said speaking as an engineer, that "the job will not be done at its present rate." But things have now improved says Brundage.

London will play Basle at soccer under the White Hart Lane floodlights on May 4, Cup Final Eve. This takes the place of the England versus Young England match which has been the Cup curtain raiser in the last couple of years. London beat Basle in the European Inter-Cities Cup competition last June.

A Bucharest side which visited Britain last September beat Swansea, 10-3, lost 6-3 to Cardiff, and drew 0-0 with Haverhill at Twickenham.

Rumania also wants to send a side to Britain in September and play against the leading fifteen. Any application from the London Rugby Football Union would first be considered by the Rugby Union's Overseas Liaison Committee and then by the full committee.

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The KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB'S annual Chinese New Year's Eve Dance

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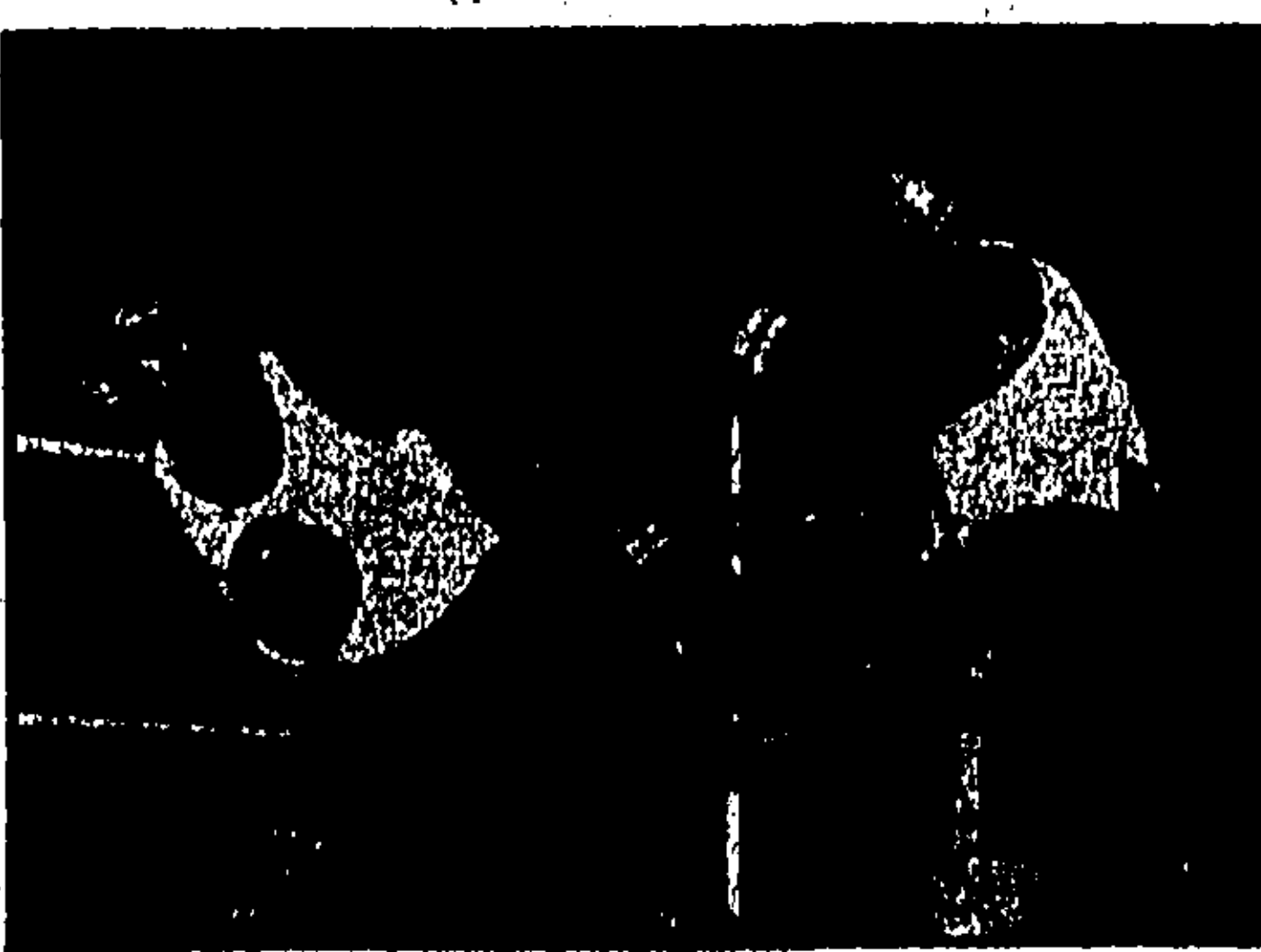
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AB Austin Dunsford of the Royal Navy studies his opponent carefully, hoping to land a punch that would end this Featherweight bout inside the distance. Unfortunately for Dunsford, he had not reckoned with the toughness of the Army boxer, Cpl. Flynn, who weathered the relentless attack to lose on points. This incident was in the Semi-Finals of the Boxing Championships at the Southern Playground last night. — China Mail Photo.

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WONG—An Fook, passed away at
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11 a.m. on 24th January, 1956.
He was 70 years old. Burial
will take place on 26th January, 1956.
Funeral service at 10.30 a.m. at
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Damaged cargo on this vessel will
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a.m. on January 27 and 28, 1956,
and consignees are requested to have
their representatives present during
the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Agents.
Hongkong, 25, January 1956

COLOGNE CATHEDRAL

To Be Fully Reopened
To General
Public This Year

Cologne, Jan. 25.
Cologne cathedral, the biggest and one
of the best-known of Germany's Gothic
monuments will be fully re-opened to the
public during this year.

This 13th century Cathedral was badly
damaged by Allied bombs and gunfire
during World War II. Only part of it is at
present in use for services.

For the population of Cologne
the re-opening will be one of the
most important milestones
in the efforts to rebuild the city
since the war. Most of them re-
gard the Cathedral, situated
near the bank of the Rhine and
towering over the "Altstadt"
(old city), as the heart and soul
of the town. They have privately
contributed much to the re-
building of the Cathedral. (more
than 2,000,000 sterling) so far
spent on repair work.

But at least as much again
will have to be spent before all
the damage is repaired, perhaps
in 15 or 20 years. The re-
opening of the entire interior of
this great church, visible on
clear days 20 miles away, has
been fixed for August to co-
incide with the "Kirkentag", an
annual gathering of German
Catholics, which is to be held
in Cologne this year.

Bitter Fighting

Cologne, the gay and vicious
"capital" of the Rhineland, was
one of the worst hit of big
German cities during the war.
In 1945, when American
troops captured it after months
of bitter fighting, it was a
deserted rubble-heap without
gas, water or electricity.

The population of 770,000 had
decreased to 40,000 and only
13,000 of 252,000 homes were
still standing, and most of these
were damaged.

Today, the population is back
to 600,000 and Cologne is the
fourth biggest city in the West
German Federal Republic, one
of the most important traffic
hubs of the country and a
thriving industrial centre.
More than 100,000 homes have
been rebuilt and thousands of
offices, many of them housing
important banks, insurance com-
panies and wholesale trade
offices, have been constructed in
the business area.

Among the flourishing Cologne
industries are the Ford Motor
Company, the German branch of
Ford's of Detroit, Klockner-
Humboldt-Deutz, makers of big
trucks and lorries, and the
Muehlen company, manufacturer
of "4711" Eau de Cologne.
But in spite of all the re-
building, there are still many
open plots of overgrown ruins
and empty spaces where the
rubble has been cleared away.

Dark Waste

Especially in the centre of
the town, not far from the
Cathedral and the railway
terminal, the passer-by may
find himself plunging into a
brightly neon-lit shopping street
into a dark waste of bombed
sites.

City authorities can do little
to speed up building at these
sites since the ground is almost
exclusively in private hands and
it is up to private owners to re-
build.

The State of North Rhine-
Westphalia has no laws like
Hesse and other states which
permit the city authorities to

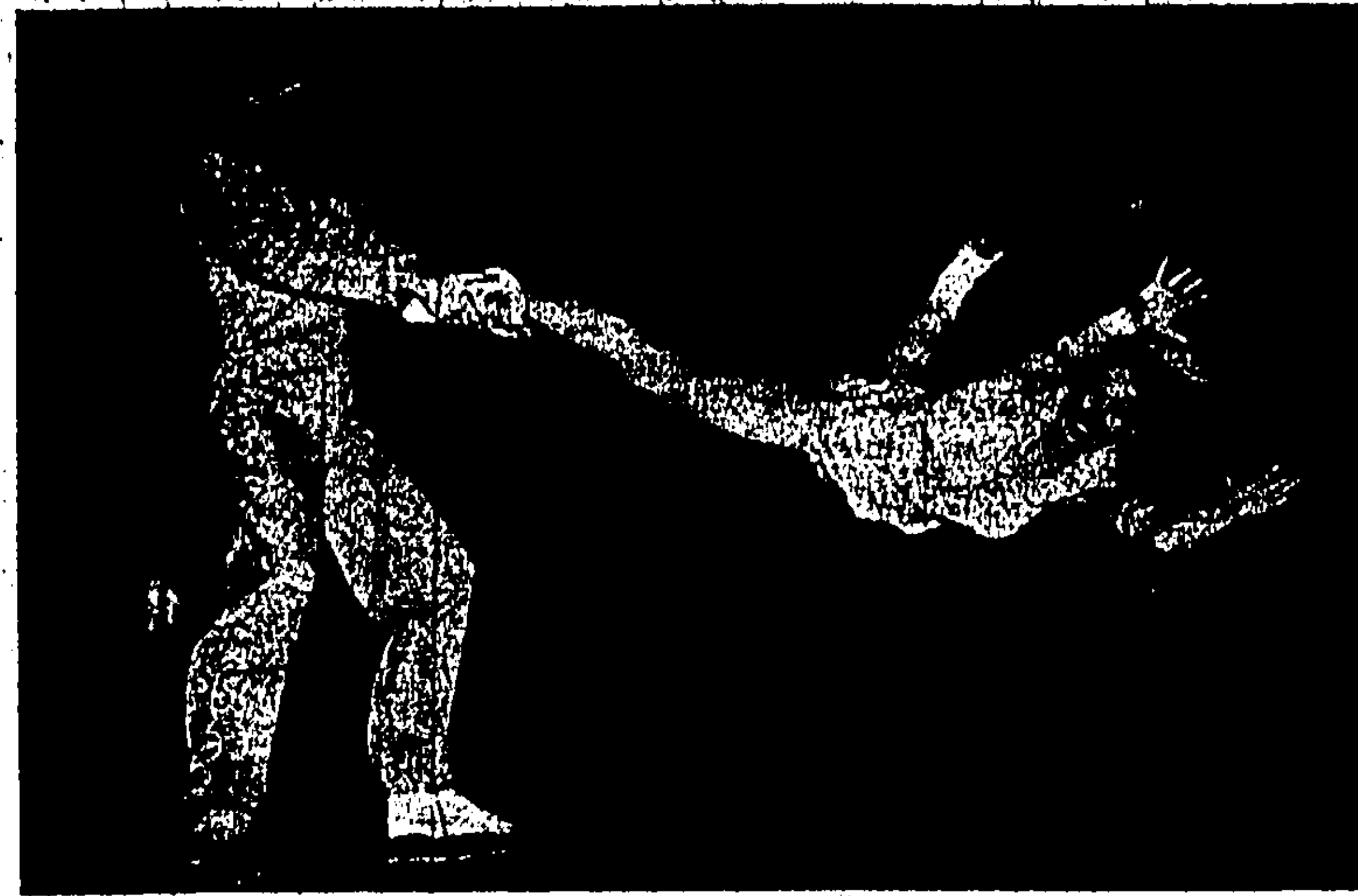
New Settlements

These visitors mostly did not
visit the suburbs and fringe of
the city, where the scars of war
have healed almost completely
and where new settlements have
sprung up in the last few years.
Lack of central planning has
also provoked criticism. The
people of Cologne complained
loudly that the city authorities
have allowed an insurance com-
pany to build a tall, modern
office building right next to one
of the oldest churches, St.
Gereon, a Romanesque structure
superimposed on Roman ruins,
which is being repaired at pre-
sent.

They further criticise the new
theatre, which they have al-
ready nicknamed the "air-raid
shelter". The side walls of the
concrete structure, as yet un-
finished, slope upwards towards
the wide, flat roof, creating a
triangular cross section at either
side of the stage and auditorium.
Tradition-loving citizens say
that this modernistic building
does not fit in with the general
character of Cologne and its
many ancient buildings.

Yet Cologne has remained one
of the biggest attractions for
tourists.—China Mail Special.

60 Miles An Hour Over The Ice



Mail Notices

The latest times of posting
shown below are those for un-
registered correspondence posted
at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest
posting times elsewhere which,
in general, are earlier than the
G.P.O. times can be ascertained
by enquiry at the local office.
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registered articles are generally
one hour earlier than the times
shown below. Particulars re-
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post office.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26
By Air
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa,
Great Britain, Europe, 8 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Japan, 3 p.m.
Pakistan, Portuguese India, Par-
cel via Karachi, 3 p.m.
Korea, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 27
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa,
11 a.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 1 p.m.
Philippines, Australia, New Zea-
land, 4 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Korea, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 8 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle
East, Africa, Great Britain &
Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America,
6 p.m.

At 60 miles an hour,
American adagio skaters
Pamela Dru and Allen di Jon-
giate in the ice pantomime
"Babs in the Wool" at the
Empire Wool, Wembley,
London. And for Pamela,
that takes sheer, ice-cold
nerve for her left arm has to
be encased in a steel bracket
for four hours a day, to
strengthen the nerve muscles
after a recent break.
Reuterphoto.

IMMIGRANT CHARGED

A 28-year-old merchant, Lau
Kong-chu, alias Lau Keng-choo,
alias Lau Kong-keung, was
charged before Mr Hin-shing
Lo at Central this morning with
being in possession of a forged
immigration bond.
The defendant, residing at
465 King's Road, first floor, is
from Singapore. No plea was
taken and he was remanded
until Saturday for further en-
quiries.
It is alleged that Lau com-
mitted the offence on January
23.

HOW IT IS DONE IN SOFIA Citizen Has Trouble Over Installation Of Electric Meter

Vienna, Jan. 25.
Copies of the Sofia newspaper
Otetschestven Front reaching here publish
the following account, by a citizen, of
what happened when he wanted an electric
meter for his home.

"Two hundred and fifty leva
(£12 sterling) for electric
current for one month! The
meter was for three flats. I
have only one room and eat in
a restaurant! One of the flats
pays only four leva (four
shillings) per month. They
answered all our protests with
'me us in court.' When we got
tired of it all, we decided to
buy a meter for each of us.
We collected the money, bought
the meters, took them to the
Electricity Supply organisation
to be tested and put in the
necessary applications. After
about two months a technician
came. . . .

"This installation is no good.
Everything must be altered. It
will cost 1,000 leva (about
£250 sterling), and went away.
We needed four months to get
the 1,000 leva together and
took them along.

"What is this money for?
We were asked. . . .

"Everything Fine
The Electricity Supply or-
ganisation wanted it.
The Electricity Supply or-
ganisation no longer exists.
Submit new applications."

"The official of the Area
Electricity Structure came,
examined the installation and
declared it to be perfect. All
that was needed was a new
box, and a little material, a
few things. He wrote the
things down for us. We only
had to go to his boss and pay for
the materials listed.

"With the best will in the
world, I cannot decipher his
scrawl. I shall send this ass
back. He must write it again.
That will teach him! The boss
said.

"Three weeks later, the
official came again. 'But now

"When the boss heard of this,
he wrung his hands in fury.
These technicians knew nothing.
We did not need any rolls. In
any case, he would send us an
official.

"When he came, he declared
that the rolls and insulators
were in fact necessary. After a
writer month, the boss tele-
phoned us. 'I have managed to
find the rolls. I shall send
you our best technician.

"The technician came and
shook his head. 'I have never
seen such bad work. Off you go
tomorrow to the Znepole in the
Energy Consumer Department
and apply to be linked to the
electric grid."

"Misunderstanding
"We spent the evening by
candle-light. 'We will come at
once,' the Energy Consumers
Department told us. After we
had spent a week without elec-
tricity, we lost patience and
protested: 'Bureaucrats! We
shall complain!'

"That is an insult. We shall
complain too,' the officials
screamed back. We telephoned
the manager. When he had
listened to us, he exclaimed:
'What bureaucrats!'

"Three minutes later, two
managers from the Energy
Consumer's Department came
running to us, breathless. It had
been a misunderstanding, they
said. . . . When they saw the
meters, they raised their hands
and said: 'And this is sup-
posed to be an installation!'

"They telephoned and quar-
relled for a quarter of an hour
with the manager of the Area
Electricity Structure. We could
only hear the words: 'Crime
. . . Carelessness . . . Un-
scrupulousness. Finally, they
went away, saying: 'You cannot
talk to these people. We shall
see to it.' They changed every-
thing. They changed every wire.
Finally, they wished us much
happiness.

"Do It Again
"When, a fortnight later, the
man came to read the meters,
we were speechless. One meter
showed a consumption costing
400 leva (about £20 sterling)
while the other two showed
Nil. It turned out that all the
wires had been connected to
one meter. The technicians
came at once and muddled the
wires even more.

"The flats of the top story
were connected to one meter
two flats on our floor connected
to the second and one single
man, who had no meter at all,
was connected to the third. In
addition, they found that my
meter was damaged and the
current passed through without
registering.

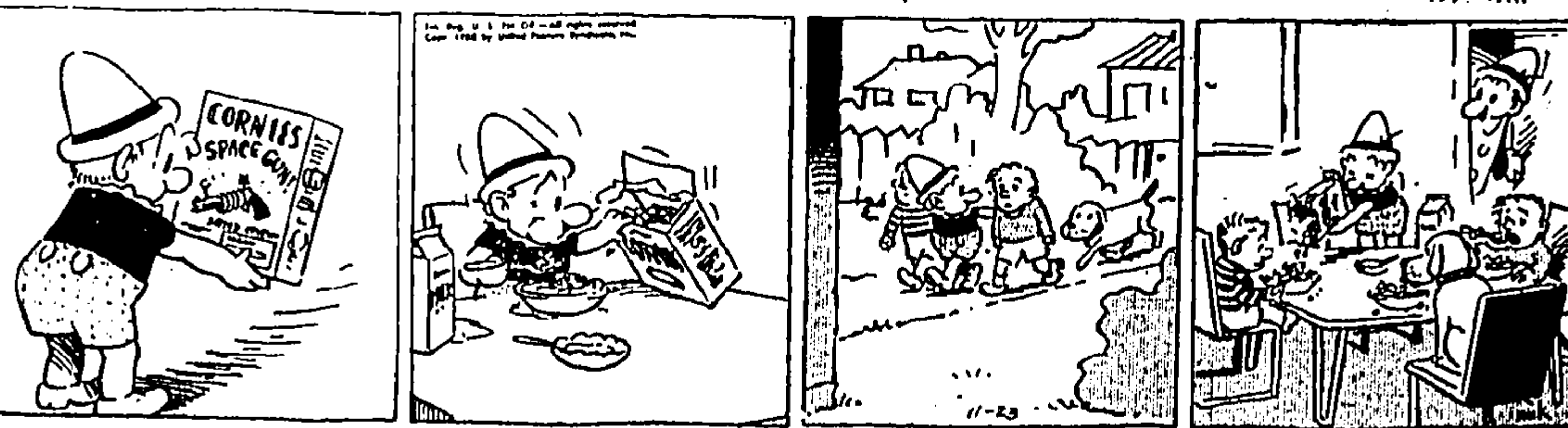
"It is now two years since we
acquired the meters. The
officials of the numerous in-
stitutions and offices who have
come during those two years
have given up all hope of ever
solving the matter right. They
advise us to install the whole
thing afresh.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

A Walk At Night

LEARNED men and those skilful jugglers with the facts of life, the statisticians, have lovingly studied the effects of television upon most aspects of our lives.

They tell us how our drinking habits, our digestion, and our children's dreams are, and may be, altered by the new medium.

But they do not appear as yet to have paid much attention to the influence of TV upon a group whose traditional antics it must have altered profoundly—young people in love.

No need for the young man whose home is tele-equipped to turn out on a dirty night to pursue his suit; his love, snowed out, can come to him.

HAZARDS

He need feel no embarrassment if he should leave him tongue-tied, for silence is a virtue in a telephone. He should be unhesitatingly interrupted by the young man who makes merry music until normal service is resumed by hanging in his pocket the money he is saving by not having to take his girl out every night.

There are still some hazards, of course, as a young man named Michael discovered late the other evening.

Michael is a handsome young Londoner, engaged to be married, whose fiancée spent the other evening at his home watching TV.

The programmes ended at last. Michael prepared to see his girl to her home, which was just around the corner.

TWO STRANGERS

HE saw her safely to her destination, then decided that what he needed after an evening glued to the tiny screen, was exercise and fresh air.

He strode off manfully, with his mind full of plans for the future. His wedding day was only a month ahead.

Michael had walked for some time, when two strangers stopped him. "We're arresting you," one said, "for following with intent to steal from handbags."

He went on to say that for 25 minutes he and his colleague had trailed Michael, whom they had seen follow women and girls until they dodged out of his way; and on one occasion had seen him hand a package, the handbag of one girl he was passing.

SOMETHING TO QUIETEN YOU

IN Clerkenwell court next morning, the two plainclothes men who had stopped Michael, told their story to Mr. Frank Powell.

"On the way to the station," said one constable, "this man said: 'I can see I've been silly.'"

"On the way to the station," the other said, "he attempted to break away from us and had to be restrained."

"It was just that your grip was so tight it was hurting a muscle," said Michael. "And isn't it right you said to me, 'I've got something to quieten you with?'"

"No," said the officer.

Michael went into the witness-box.

"Did you follow women?" the magistrate asked him. Michael said he had not. "Then why did you say you had been silly?"

NOT THIA LOW

"I WAS in an absolute panic," said Michael. "I was shaking all over when I got to the station. I still am." He was.

"Were you trying to make up to these girls and women?"

"No, I've not sunk that low," said Michael, indignantly, and told of his forthcoming marriage.

"Well, I think you were trying to get off with these girls," said Mr. Powell, "but you're not charged with that. The case is dismissed, but you'd better be more careful in future. When you leave your fiancée, go straight home."

It was sound advice, expert advice. Mr. Powell recently announced his own engagement to be married.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.05, Stock Market Report; 6.10, For the Children; "The House at Pooh Corner" by A. A. Milne No. 6; "Tiger is Unbound" (H.D.C.T.); 6.30, Portuguese Half Hour (Studio); 6.35, Weather Report; 7. Time Signal and The News (London Relay); 7.05, A Talk by Mr. C. Menzies, Australian Government of India Mr. Z. Adarkar (Recorded); 7.15, Boulevard Cafe Fifteenth (Studio); 7.20, First Round Singers and Orchestra; 7.30, "What Do You Know?" The Jaycees International Quartet; 7.40, First Round Singers and Orchestra; 7.50, Association Football Yugoslavia v. Hongkong (Recorded); 8.00, Commentary from the Govt. Stadium on the last half of the play; 8. Time Signal, Australia Day; A Programme presented by Mr. C. Menzies, Australian Government Trade Commissioner; 9.30, At the Opera: "Il Seraglio" Acts 2 & 3 (Muzart); 10.00, The Chorus of the Vienna State Opera with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra; 10.15, "Favourite Tunes" (approx.); 10.30, Vocalists; 10.45, "Favourite Tunes" (approx.); 10.55, Vocalists; 11.00, Time Signal, Radio News; 11.05, "Goodnight Music" God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFUSION

2.10, Variety (Cable Time); 2.15, "Favourite Tunes" (approx.); 2.30, Vocalists; 2.45, "Favourite Tunes" (approx.); 2.55, Vocalists; 3.00, "Favourite Tunes" (approx.); 3.15, Vocalists; 3.30, "Favourite Tunes" (approx.); 3.45, Vocalists; 4.00, "Favourite Tunes" (approx.); 4.15, Vocalists; 4.30, "Favourite Tunes" (approx.); 4.45, Vocalists; 5.00, "Favourite Tunes" (approx.); 5.15, Vocalists; 5.30, "Favourite Tunes" (approx.); 5.45, Vocalists; 6.00, "Favourite Tunes" (approx.); 6.15, Vocalists; 6.30, "Favourite Tunes" (approx.); 6.45, Vocalists; 7.00, "Favourite Tunes" (approx.); 7.15, Vocalists; 7.30, "Favourite Tunes" (approx.); 7.45, Vocalists; 8.00, "Favourite Tunes" (approx.); 8.15, Vocalists; 8.30, "Favourite Tunes" (approx.); 8.45, Vocalists; 9.00, "Favourite Tunes" (approx.); 9.15, Vocalists; 9.30, "Favourite Tunes" (approx.); 9.45, Vocalists; 10.00, "Favourite Tunes" (approx.); 10.15, Vocalists; 10.30, "Favourite Tunes" (approx.); 10.45, Vocalists; 11.00, "Favourite Tunes" (approx.); 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